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An aerial view of the River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires (above) where the World Cup Final and the third place matches will be played. The stadium is within easy reach of the city centre, and obviously to avoid traffic jams, many fans will walk to their seats. The stadium had been plagued by building problems and finishing touches are expected this week.



Mundial

Argentina 78

Bienvenidos

Welcome

FIESTA TIPPED FOR OPENING

— From Andrew Dettre in Argentina —

Buenos Aires. — The stage is set for the 11th World Cup — the long awaited "Mundial", soccer's great, exciting, technicolored four-yearly fiesta.

And this promises to be a fiesta of the first order: Argentina, stung by press criticism in recent years over its political affairs, is hellbent to impress all visitors as well as the anticipated 1400 million TV viewers around the globe.

Buenos Aires, much more than any West German city four years ago — and certainly infinitely more than staid, good old London in 1966 — is in the grip of World Cup fever.

Anywhere and everywhere you see reminders of the "Mundial": the

city is a forest of blue and white flags, banners, logos and symbols — the colors of this proud nation.

With only a week to go before the first match, the organisers are tightlipped over their plans for the opening ceremony.

But, they say with untypical Latin understatement, it will be "quite something".

Four years ago the world in Frankfurt was dazzled by a colorful, brilliantly organised opening stanza.

Here, I suspect, our Argentinian friends will turn it into a frenzied, mad Mardi Gras. So don't miss it on your TV.

Shortly afterwards Berti Vogts and Kazimierz Deyna, the two captains, will lead their teams, West Germany and Poland, onto the recently returfed green pitch of the giant River Plate stadium for the first match.

And the World Cup will be on.

For months now reporters all over the world have lamented over the absence of "stars": there will be no Beckenbauer, Cruyff and Pele; no goal poacher like Mueller, no graceful gazelle like Mazzoia or

other big names such as Blochin, Simonsen, Brooking, Panenka, Dzajic or Heighway, whose teams have failed to qualify.

In their places new stars are about to be born.

Alas, there won't be an Australian here, either, a tragic absence which, with better planning and better luck, would not have had to happen.

Let's hope that in 1982, in Spain, the Socceroos will make their re-appearance at the next Mundial.

This time the official Australian contingent is restricted to ASF president Sir Arthur George and secretary Brian Le Fevre, who arrived here with me on the same Lan Chile flight.

Sir Arthur and Le Fevre will attend the FIFA congress next week in Buenos Aires.

However, most of their time will be taken up with a hunt for our next national coach.

With everybody who is anybody in world soccer now in Buenos Aires, the ASF duo have struck a rich hunting ground.

Let's hope that they will search well.

WE GO TO THE "MUNDIAL"

With this issue we start our World Cup special coverage — over three pages.

Each week from now well in to July a sizeable part of our newspaper will be devoted to the World Cup finals in Argentina.

However, through re-organising our pages, we will still retain all our regular weekly features: full PSL and NSW coverage, results, tables, club news from all divisions and all States.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE SCOREBOARD



Syd. Olympic

1 (1)

OLYMPIC: Meier 5, McIntosh 3, Palmer 3, Markland 4, Bell 4, Stravopodis 4, Laing 3, Jamieson 4, Davourlis 5, D. Allan 3 (Ainslie: 63m, 4), Cross 3.

Goals: 1-0 Jamieson (40m), 1-1 Vieri (57m). **Referee:** T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 6702. **Cautions:** Prskalo, Vieri.

In his first match after taking over from Tom Anderson as Olympic coach, George Gibson categorically stated that "Marconi are not unbeatable and we will be the first this season to take two points from them." The words appeared in the club program, and afterwards Gibson said he was nearly as pleased with the point from a draw. Actually Olympic was the better side in the first half, and no one did more towards this than Con Davourlis, who made space, laid off some beautiful passes and moved with grace and power whenever he was near the ball. Marconi were dead out of luck in the 19th minute when Peter Sharne swept through the middle to face an empty net. He steadied and slipped the ball forward, but took no account of Richie Bell racing in to clear off the line. Alec Jamieson scored a wonder goal in the 40th minute after a spectacular solo run. He drove over Maher, who was too far forward, and the ball dipped into the roof of the

Marconi

1 (0)

MARCONI: Maher 4, Jones 3 (Brogan: 33m, 3), Degney 5, Russek 4, Prskalo 4, Williams 4, Vieri 5, Rooney 4, Mariani 3, Sharne 5.

net. Don Allan had an unlucky miss after the resumption, but crafty Roberto Vieri put Marconi on even terms after a move that featured some intelligent play by Ivo Prskalo, Paul Degney, and Bert Mariani as well. This was the signal for Marconi to put everything together, and they turned the Olympic defence inside out time without number. Paul Degney did some brilliant running, and he and Sharne tore into Olympic like men possessed. Behind them came Vieri, Jimmy Rooney and also Gary Byrne, who had contributed a tremendous amount in the first half. Richie Bell and often Stuart Markland were Olympic's best defenders, and Allan Ainslie did much to keep his team fighting after replacing Don Allan in the 63rd minute. Marconi was frustrated by Gary Meier's performance in Olympic's goal, and at the end Mike Cross was twice within a touch of scoring for Olympic.

— K. GILMOUR

Fitzroy

3 (0)

FITZROY: Blasby 3, McMillan 3, Proven 4, O'Reilly 4, Tansey 4, Selemidis 4, Taylor 3, Campbell 4, Bozidak 3, Cole 3, Buljevic (Micevski: 22m, 4).

Goals: 1-0 Campbell (47m), 2-0 Campbell (49m), 3-0 Micevski (65m). **Referee:** S. Mellings. **Crowd:** 5000. **Cautions:** Campbell, Perin, Taylor.

Fitzroy, with a convincing display in the second half, won deservedly their first match since John Margaritis took over from Tony Boggi. Things looked grim for Fitzroy at the beginning as they were without the injured captain Pat Bannon, then lost their striker Branko Buljevic after 22 minutes. However, Buljevic's replacement Micevski helped establish Fitzroy's midfield superiority with incisive passing and hard fighting. The first goal came two minutes into the second half. Jim Campbell combined perfectly with Bozidak and Micevski, then dribbled past Bogdan Nyskohus and smacked the ball under the bar. Two minutes later Micevski took a freekick, lobbing the ball into the goalmouth; the two central defenders missed it and there was Campbell to slip it

Adelaide City

0

ADELAIDE CITY: Romanowicz 4, B. Nyskohus 3, Yung 3 (Besir: 63m), Muir 3, Lister 3, Perin 3 (Northcote: 75m), Muniz 3, Fyfe 3, Kosmina 3, J. Nyskohus 4, McCluskey 3.

home. The quick two-goal lead enabled Fitzroy to establish a clear dominance and take the Adelaide City goal under siege where Roger Romanowicz was kept busy. The third goal — this time by Micevski — completely shattered the star-studded Adelaide City. He took a shot from 30 metres and Campbell, running across the path, blocked the goalie's vision, allowing the ball to streak into the net. Adelaide City coach Edmund Kreft, obviously shaken, said it was difficult to try to fit five new players into a team overnight. Kosmina was totally neutralised by Jim Tansey while Fyfe could not link up with John Nyskohus. Adelaide City looked disappointed and even their most valuable stars performed poorly in a team that has that creaking new look about it.

— C. NIKOLOPOULOS

Canberra City

2 (0)

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 5, Moulis 4, Brown 4, Stark 4, Parker 4, Cant 3, Henderson 4, Gruicic 5 (Milovanovic: 86m), Heywood 3 (Hogg: 76m), Byrne 1, Marinello 4.

Goals: 0-1 Fisher (21m), 1-1 Gruicic (63m), 2-1 Gruicic (pen. 82m), 2-2 O'Donnell (90m). **Referee:** D. Yelland. **Crowd:** 5540. **Cautions:** O'Donnell, Heywood, Cant. **Sent off:** Byrne (14m).

Yet another home draw, and 10 man fightback by Canberra City. Both Wests and City fielded weakened teams (injuries and suspensions). Persistent rain since midday, to add to that of the previous two days made for an unredicatable stadium surface, a factor exposed 15 second after the kick off. A Wests backpass failed to reach its desired destination, and in nipped Heywood, who beat the keeper but placed himself and his shot wide of the goal. After 14 minutes Terry Byrne was shown the red card for retaliatory kicking. Not a team to play defensive football at home, Canberra switched Stark from stopper to striker and left Henderson to roam freely from backline to midfield and even forward to put Lachowicz under pressure. Wests opened the scoring, when Fisher chipped the ball past a stranded Tilsed. However, Wests only rarely broke quickly, and failed to hold the ball long enough to tire out

West. Suburbs

2 (1)

WESTERN SUBURBS: Lachowicz 5, Skellern 3, Turnbull 3, Noble 3, Campbell 3, Harding 4, Stone 4, O'Donnell 3, Fisher 4 (Samuels: 78m), Eaton 3, Vernon 4.

their outnumbered opponents. Consequently, they resorted to a string of uncomprising tackles, only one of which was "rewarded" in the suitable manner. Gruicic, carried off late in the game, was back near his long lost best and equalised with a 20 metre drive. He then sunk a pressure penalty (his fourth of the season) after Stark was seen to be pushed in the back. With the game slipping into injury time most eyes, including mine, were glancing at the referee. Three Wests players were amazingly unmarked in the middle of the field, when the ball was played forward to them, as they stood just outside the City area. Then the ball was in the back of the net. Were they offside? Quite frankly, I don't know. At least one of them was, according to some people around me. The crowd seemed confused and shattered. David Yelland may well thank God they were multiethnic.

Queensland — Dundee

0 (0)

QUEENSLAND: Lowndes 5, Perry 4, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Potter 4, Gaffney 3, Spearrit 5, Dolan 3 (Echeverria: 76m), Neale 4, Marley 6, Morris 4.

Goals: 0-1 Williamson (78m). **Referee:** J. Wood. **Crowd:** 7000. **Cautions:** nil.

A very entertaining match played in the modern fashion, both teams content to try the possession game, probing for weaknesses in either defence. Steve Dolan suddenly exploded a 35 metre shot that beat Donaldson but unfortunately for Queensland it went just a fraction wide. Dundee replied immediately and the seventh minute saw an almighty scramble in the home goal, but the ball was cleared. Play became very technical now and it wasn't until the 32nd minute Neale sent a header just wide. Queensland had another beautiful move involving six or seven players and saw the ball taken from the defence through midfield and finished with Morris bringing out the best in Donaldson. Dundee saw fit to bring on Billy Pirie at halftime and started brightly with Williamson shooting wide then

1 (0)

DUNDEE: Donaldson 4, Ford 4, Caldwell 3, McGeachie 5, Glennie 4, McPhail 4, McDougal 3 (Pirie: 45m), Philip 4, Sinclair 4, Williamson 4, Redford 4.

placing another shot only to see Hermiston taking it off the line. The game now entered its best spell and some great end to end play saw Neale just miss with two great attempts while at the other end Sinclair spooned a Bennett miskick over, then Caldwell sent just wide. Marley ghosted behind the defence and Donaldson had a great save from his close range shot. Lowndes punched a cross over, then Potter rifled a great shot just wide. Dundee won a corner and from the high, dropping cross the ball fell to Williamson who hooked it home. Queensland weren't finished and McGeachie found great position to head a Morris snap shot off the line with Donaldson beaten. That's how it finished. Both teams entertained the large crowd with some skilful modern football.

— J. BINNIE

West Adelaide

3 (1)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 5, Tymoczyszyn 4, Reynolds 4, McGachey 5, Kampas 5, Jones 4, Boyle 5, Pillans 3, Zervas 2 (Bozanic: 45m, 3), Honeyman 4 (Norris: 71m).

Goals: 0-1 Ollerton (29m), 1-1 Kampas (43m, penalty), 2-1 Honeyman (76m), 3-1 Tymoczyszyn (89m). **Referee:** D. Stanley. **Crowd:** 5228. **Cautions:** Norris.

According to the vast band of Adelaide's Aussie Rules Football commentators, it takes dedication, desire and desperation to win matches. The West Adelaide Soccer team displayed all those attributes, plus aggression and a remarkably high work-rate to inflict the first away defeat of the season on South Melbourne. West's new coach Jim Adam has inherited a team of Aussie battlers who alone for their lack of cohesive team play with a commendable fighting never-say-die spirit. South Melbourne grabbed the lead when Peter Ollerton tapped in a rebound after Martyn Crook had parried a drive from Billy Rogers. West were lucky to equalise when referee Dennis Stanley awarded a penalty to Graham Honeyman as he waited into the box. Adam substituted Vic Boxanix for Alex Zervas at the start of the second half and changed to a 4-4-2 formation with only Dave Pillans and McGregor as his front runners. The

Sth. Melbourne

1 (1)

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Hanson 3, Pye 5, Kalafatis 4, Baxter 4, Hatzimanouil 4, Campbell 4, Wright 4, Rogers 4, Cummings 3, Ollerton 3, Kent 4.

tactical switch worked wonders as Peter Boyle, Neil McGachey, Honeyman and Bozanic wrestled the mid-field exchanges from Chris Kent, Sam Wright and Rogers. West's concerted bid for a winning break was rewarded following a throw-in by McGregor to Boyle who crossed the ball to Honeyman who pounded it into the roof of the net from close range. Another low goalmouth cross from Boyle allowed Peter Tymoczyszyn to slide home West's third goal a minute before full time. Tymoczyszyn was injured eight minutes before he scored and switched positions with Bozanic. It was fortunate that the injury was not serious because West had already made its two substitutions — with the second — Graham Norris for McGregor, bringing Norris a caution from referee Stanley before he had touched the ball. Norris was shown the dreaded yellow card because he came onto the field without first seeking permission from the referee.

St. George

1 (1)

ST. GEORGE: Coe 4, Rendell 4 (Vlassis: 66m), J. O'Shea 2, Harris 2, Morgan 4, Grosse 3, Mendez 3, Gnani 3, Jones 3, Hensman 2 (Durasic: 71m), O'Connor 4.

Goals: 1-0 Mendez (43m), 1-1 Silva (56m), 1-2 Watson (65m), 1-3 Trenter (93m). **Referee:** B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 1000. **Cautions:** Campbell, Mullen, O'Shea. **Sent off:** Campbell.

All the old jinxes, and now even some new ones, seemed to float into Barton Park to plague St. George in this match. The old saying that the Saints can't beat a team of ten men was resurrected when barely two minutes after Campbell was sent off for a nasty foul on Rendell, Hakoah went into the lead. Then right on full time, those mysterious "Barton Park rebound goals" denied Phil O'Connor a fitting equaliser when his glorious shot thudded sickeningly back into play after Pezzano was left stranded. The match really only got into any kind of mood after about an hour when the action came thick and fast. Firstly Hakoah equalised when Silva sent a spine tingling left foot shot hurtling into the roof of the net. Then Coe was called on to make two world class saves in the space of a minute.

This was followed by Campbell's expulsion, and almost immediately Hakoah grabbed the lead. The first half was scrappy and was only really highlighted by O'Connor's aggressive wing play. His run to set up Mendez was a beauty, and was followed by several more in the second half. After the break St. George were strangely subdued and allowed Hakoah to come into the match. Their equaliser was expected, but their "winner" from Watson was not so, resulting from bad defensive work at the back by Saints. For Hakoah Silva and Barnes looked good, while Mullen, though he had his hands full with O'Connor, found enough time to be creative in attack. The Saints attack is still malfunctioning, with no "poacher" in the area, while the midfield tended to cave in a bit towards the very end.

— S. DETTRE

NEAR UPSETS IN PHILIPS CUP

Philips Cup first round ties this week stretch from Brisbane across to Perth.

Games for Wednesday, May 24 are:

Garside Park, Granville: Sydney Olympic v Auburn; Western Suburbs v Sutherland.

Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide: Beograd v Azzuri; Adelaide City v Noarlunga.

The Velodrome, Perth: Ascot v West Adelaide.

Perry Park, Brisbane: Brisbane Lions v Annerley.

Canberra City, St George, Newcastle United, George Cross, Fitzroy United and Essendon have reached the second round, although the Saints and Newcastle struck some heavy going.

Newcastle turned round one goal in arrears against Weston, seventh on the North NSW League, due to a goal by John T. Turnbull, but goals from Roy Drinkwater and Bill Summerscales settled the issue. APIA put on their best

performance of the season to trouble St George, but in spite of a goal from David Jack, Saints won through Peter Hensman and John O'Shea.

John Doyle was in top form for APIA, and Eric Carruthers proved himself an aggressive player and creator of openings.

The Saints were handicapped by injuries but 18-year-old Mike Rendell showed up well whilst filling in for the injured Emry Hoimik and Peter Terry.

Other results to date are: Canberra City 4, West Woden 0, George Cross 1, Melbourne Juventus 0, Fitzroy 6, Prahran 3, Essendon 2, White Eagles (Tasmania) 0.

DUNDEE FOR SYDNEY?

Sydney Olympic and Marconi have combined to apply for a match against Dundee whilst they are in Australia.

However there seems to be some hold up with permission from the NSW Federation.

Dundee want to come to Sydney, and are prepared to play on Thursday, June 1, the night after they meet South Australia in Adelaide.

The match would be played at Sydney Sports Ground.

TOP SCORERS

Jankovics (Marconi)	8
C. Eaton (Wests)	8
Ollerton (Sth. Melb.)	7
O'Connor (St. George)	6
Fisher (Wests)	5
Vieri (Marconi)	5
Gruicic (Canberra)	5
Cole (Fitzroy)	5
Hughes (Lions)	5
Boden (Newcastle)	5
Marley (Br. City)	5



PHILIPS LEAGUE RESULTS

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah	P	0-0	2-1	1-2	23/7	20/8	6/8	25/6	1-3	2/7	0-0	28/5	3-0	11/6
Marconi	9/7	P	4-0	1-1	6-2	2-1	2-0	18/6	11/6	3-2	26/7	20/8	6/8	28/5
Fitzroy	18/6	4/6	P	3-0	0-3	23/7	1-1	27/8	0-0	1-0	2/7	3-1	16/7	6/8
Adel. City	16/7	2/7	20/8	P	4-2	1-0	28/5	0-1	6/8	18/6	1-1	0-1	4/6	1-1
West. Sub.	3-2	16/7	25/6	30/7	P	28/5	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	6/8	11/6	20/8	1-1
St. George	1-3	13/8	2-0	25/6	27/8	P	4/6	30/7	16/7	2-0	0-2	2/7	2-1	2-3
West Adel.	3-2	30/7	9/7	27/8	13/8	1-4	P	1-2	3-0	23/7	3-1	0-1	11/6	25/6
Footscray	1-1	0-2	28/5	11/6	2/7	2-0	16/7	P	2/8	4/6	0-2	6/8	23/7	0-1
Br. Lions	4/6	0-3	13/8	3-1	18/6	0-0	2/7	21/5	P	27/8	1-1	23/7	2-2	30/7
Br. City	0-3	25/6	11/6	2-1	9/7	6/8	0-1	3-0	28/5	P	16/7	3-2	1-0	20/8
South Melb.	30/7	0-3	1-1	13/8	2-1	11/6	20/8	9/7	25/6	0-1	P	1-1	28/5	3-0
Olympic	27/8	1-1	30/7	9/7	0-1	2-0	18/6	1-1	2-4	13/8	4/6	P	1-2	16/7
Canberra	13/8	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-2	18/6	1-1	1-1	9/7	30/7	27/8	25/6	P	2-2
Newcastle	1-4	27/8	2-2	23/7	4/6	9/7	0-1	13/8	2-2	21/5	18/6	1-1	2/7	P

N.B.: For every match we took Sunday dates. However, some matches will be played on Saturdays, one day earlier than indicated in the squares.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

In brackets: Last week's placings	AGGREGATE					HOME					AWAY				
	A	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P	P	W	D	L	F A P
1 (1) MARCONI	12	8	4	—	27 7 20	6	5	1	—	18 6 11	6	3	3	—	9 1 9
2 (4) WEST ADELAIDE	12	6	2	4	17 15 14	6	3	—	3 11 10	6	6	3	2	1	6 5 8
3 (5) EASTS HAKOAH	12	5	3	4	22 15 13	6	2	2	2 7 6	6	6	3	1	2 15 9	7
4 (2) SOUTH MELBOURNE	12	4	5	3	14 12 13	6	2	2	2 7 7	6	6	2	3	1 7 5	7
5 (3) BRISBANE LIONS	11	3	6	2	17 12 12	5	1	3	1 6 7	5	6	2	3	1 11 10	7
6 (6) WESTERN SUBURBS	12	4	4	4	21 22 12	6	2	3	1 10 8	7	6	2	1	3 11 14	5
7 (14) FITZROY	12	3	5	4	14 18 11	6	3	2	1 8 5	8	6	—	3 3 6	13 3	3
8 (12) OLYMPIC	12	3	4	5	14 17 10	6	1	2	3 7 9	4	6	2	2	2 7 8	6
9 (8) BRISBANE CITY	11	5	—	6	13 16 10	6	4	—	2 9 7	8	5	1	—	4 4 9	2
10 (13) CANBERRA CITY	12	1	8	3	15 19 10	7	—	7	— 10 10	7	5	1	1	3 5 9	3
11 (7) ADELAIDE CITY	12	3	4	5	14 18 10	6	2	2	2 7 6	6	6	1	2	3 7 12	4
12 (9) FOOTSCRAY	11	3	4	4	8 12 10	5	1	1	3 3 6	3	6	2	3	1 5 6	7
13 (10) NEWCASTLE	11	2	6	3	14 19 10	5	—	3	2 6 10	3	6	2	3	1 8 9	7
14 (11) ST. GEORGE	12	4	1	7	14 17 9	6	3	—	3 9 9	6	6	1	1	4 5 8	3



PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

Marconi sets sail for unbeaten round

This week it is the "newboys" of Newcastle who take on the might of Marconi in what surely must be the David and Goliath battle of the round.

The maestros from Fairfield look set to go through the first half of the season unbeaten, and it would take an enormous reversal in form for United to end that run.

Last week several missed chances in the second half cost Marconi both points, and added to their dazzling performance the previous week against the Saints it could well mean that Marconi have fought their way out of a slump in form.

At Bossley Park Marconi are near invincible, having dropped only one point at home, and with yet another big crowd expected, there is no reason why the six point gap should not be maintained.

Newcastle will have the added strain of having played last Wednesday in the deferred match against Brisbane City, so injuries and fatigue could take a part.

South Melbourne were knocked most unceremoniously from their highriding position as the second placed team by a West Adelaide outfit that has been improving in leaps and bounds in the past few weeks.

However, Souths are still within the top four and a win against those "score-draw fanatics" from the national capital is on the cards.

Canberra seem hell bent on setting some kind of record with seven home draws from seven home games.

However, their away record is not too impressive, with only one win from five games.

The Canberra side's lack of firepower will be the main bug against the second best defence in the League, with such players as Kalafatis and Hatzimanouli standing out. A South Melbourne win is likely, but who knows, perhaps another draw.

The all-Melbourne derby between Fitzroy and Footscray could see both a packed crowd and an entertaining match.

Fitzroy are now back on their familiar winning trail of 1977, having dragged themselves from the pits, to seventh position on the tightly packed league ladder.

If this is not enough they are also playing attractive football, in their own simple but effective style.

Footscray, on the other hand, have been struggling so far, but occasionally turn on a magic display of continental football.

One would have to plump for Fitzroy in this match, for a 3-0 hammering of a talent loaded

Adelaide City side is no mean feat, and the team is undoubtedly riding high on a wave of confidence that Footscray will find hard to counter.

Another intra-city duel will take place at Perry Park in Brisbane where the fans are sure to be entertained by the City versus Lions match.

Lions, though by no means one of the classiest teams in the competition, have been able to build a solid unit which has fought its way up the ladder to fifth spot, losing only two matches along the way.

The supposedly invincible backline of Hermiston and Bennett doesn't seem to be Lions' strong point, with the creative midfield and industrious forward line holding this honor.

City are a real win or lose team, having yet to draw a match. They possess a fine attack, but more so in style rather than effectiveness, for although Connor is a demon dribbler, and Caldwell can create chances, it is only really Marley who can put them away.

It wouldn't surprise to see a draw here.

Yet another local derby, this time between the new high flying kings of Adelaide, Westad and City, the deposed regent.

Westad, spurred on by their

two new Greek players have been roaring up the ladder in recent weeks, ending last week when they king hit fellow Greek "heavies" South Melbourne to take over second spot.

The win over Melbourne was the second time in two weeks that Westad had come from behind to defeat their opponents, having done so against Western Suburbs the week before.

New City coach Les Scheinflug is in a real predicament, having five imported players virtually thrust upon him as he tries to get a winning blend from the squad.

Now, with changes galore, the once proud City team lies in tatters, with no style, and one thinks, quite a few disgruntled players on the sideline. As a result a Westad victory is on the cards.

Wentworth Park will see another double header, this time involving four Sydney teams, of which three are the "draggers" as far as crowd figures go.

The first match is between Western Suburbs, who managed to stem their continual squandering of points with a late equaliser against Canberra, and the new tailenders St. George.

Although Saints are at the bottom, they are really not playing that badly, and with an ounce of

luck could have drawn with Hakoah, and then would have been eighth on the table!

West's have one of the League's best strikers in Clive Eaton, and a formidable midfield with Harding and Stone, yet they have failed to operate to their best effect in recent games and have paid dearly.

Not so Hakoah, who have recaptured their winning form, though not their style, of last year. Against Saints last week they took their chances far more professionally and scored their sixth goal in two weeks, while only conceding one.

Unfortunately, Ernie Campbell got himself an automatic suspension for the clash with Olympic this week as a result of some back-chat and over-zealous tackling, and will be missed dearly.

However, Hakoah's opponents certainly won't have any complexes about the Bondi boys, having escaped last week from a duel with Marconi with a rare trophy of a point.

One must give credit to Olympic for continuing to play stylish football in the past, even though the results didn't always come, but now the reward could be reaped.

Olympic could well steal both points here, playing as they will under a new coach in George Gibson, who has permanently replaced Tom Anderson, while a Wests victory over the injury hit Saints also looks imminent.

Canberra

The Canberra City Club board should look carefully at the possibility of introducing fines in future to players who fail to control themselves on the field of play. Kicking the ball away at freekicks, throwing it at opponents, arguing with and swearing at referees, as well as kicking players off the ball have all occurred regularly at home matches in collecting yellow and red cards the players involved are letting down their club, team mates and the supporters they admire so much. Let us hope some action is taken before their behaviour become totally habitual.

Despite the dismal, rainy weather in Canberra last Saturday the five and a half thousand crowd was treated to some excellent pre-match athletic performances. Two ACT records, set at the recent Pacific Conference Games, were broken, while a third fell unofficially at half-time when young Paul Narracott demolished his opposition in a 100 metre handicap sprint. Athletics officials claimed afterwards that the crowd was partly responsible for the good showings.

These are my World Cup predictions — what are yours?

Qualifiers:

Group 1: Argentina, Hungary
Group 2: Poland, West Germany
Group 3: Brazil, Sweden
Group 4: Holland, Iran
Final: Hungary v Brazil
3rd Place: Holland v Argentina

— CHRIS KUNZ

NEW SPONSOR WILL BOOST CODE IN SA

The Adelaide Permanent Building Society has thrown its considerable weight behind the promotion of soccer in South Australia.

The APBS manager Mr. Bernie Lewis announced on Monday that his firm will sponsor all international matches played in

Adelaide this season to the tune of \$1,500 per match.

SASF secretary Mr. Adrian Deckers said that the sponsorship money would be earmarked for advertising.

John Martin and Co. Ltd. — co-sponsors with "The Advertiser" of the \$1,000 Golden Boots award for the best Adelaide player in the Philips League — will increase its involvement with soccer by introducing a competition which will earn players and supporters color television sets.

The competition jointly sponsored by John Martin and "The News" will start with Sunday's local derby between Adelaide City and Westad at Olympic Sports Field.

The player chosen as man-of-the-match by Radio 5DN commentators will win a 14" colour TV set and readers of "The News" will be invited to participate in a lottery with the first correct entry opened also receiving a 14" colour set.

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Newcastle v Br. City Int. Sp. Centre

SATURDAY, MAY 27

South Melb. v Canberra Middle Park, 3 p.m.
Footscray v Fitzroy Schintler, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Br. City v Br. Lions Perry Park, 3 p.m.
Adel. City v West Adel. Olympic, 2.30 p.m.
Marconi v Newcastle Marconi, 3 p.m.
East's Hakoah v Olym. Wentworth, 3 p.m.
West. Subs. v St George Wentworth, 1 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Brisb Lions v East's Hakoah Perry Park, 8 p.m.
Newcastle v West Subs. Inter. Sp. Cen., 3 p.m.
Footscray v Brisb. City Schintler Res, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Fitzroy v Marconi Olympic Park, 3 p.m.
Olympic v South Melb. Erskinvill, 3 p.m.
St. George v West Adel. Barton Park, 3 p.m.
Adel. City v Canberra Olym. Field, 2.30

Vic's quick kicks

Contrary to a report in a Sunday newspaper, Mr Merv Thomas of Radio 5DN stated that his station has no intention of taking live soccer off the air this season. The position will be reviewed next season. However, the half hour talk-back program on Friday nights has been axed.

Due to unavoidable circumstances the Media Charity Cup between the Press and Radio-TV is postponed and will now take place on July 2 as a curtain-raiser to the Adelaide City Marconi match.

A strong move is underway to form a soccer player's union. The main man responsible is Victoria's player Les Avery. He will soon launch a campaign to form a constitution which should help and benefit players.

On Wednesday, 24th May, at the Hindmarsh Stadium, Eastern District Azzurri will play Beograd Woodville at 7.00 pm and Adelaide City will meet Noarlunga United at 9.00 pm for the first round of the Philips Cup. It may be just as well that Adelaide City has another game in Adelaide before the local derby on Sunday. During the Adelaide City v South Melbourne clash two weeks ago at Kensington, the atmosphere was unusual, inasmuch as the vocal support was sadly lacking. It seemed that the Adelaide City supporters were their new acquisitions and especially after last Sunday's demoralising 3-0 defeat against Fitzroy.

On the Rothmans League front, the district side Cumberland has taken a comfortable four points lead after six games at the top of the first division table. Third division clubs are having a battle of their own. Under the new SASF 1979 format only two divisions will take part in the Rothmans League, with promotion and relegation in force, clubs not promoted will undertake amateur status. At this stage it seems to be a three horse race between Adelaide City, West Torrens and West Adelaide.

SASF FIXTURES FOR MAY 27

First Division: Polonia v Croatia; Para Hills v Lion; Cumberland v Victoria; Azzurri v Elizabeth; Beograd v Noarlunga United.

Second Division: Port v Orange; Birkalla v Windsor; Modbury v South; Don v Salisbury; West Fields v Campbelltown.

Third Division: Brighton v Flinders; West Adelaide v Adelaide; Noarlunga City v West Torrens.

Rowley-Barker-Upton Cup: Sait v Adelaide Uni.

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FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland Utd	5	1	—	11	4	11
Croatia	3	1	2	11	6	7
Lion	2	3	1	8	8	7
Azzurri	3	—	3	9	7	6
Noarlunga Utd	2	2	2	9	8	6
Victoria	2	2	2	10	9	6
Elizabeth	2	2	2	5	5	6
Para Hills	2	1	3	7	10	5
Polonia	2	1	3	8	11	5
Beograd	—	1	5	3	13	1

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Port	5	1	—	18	2	11
Campbelltown	4	2	—	13	5	10
West Fields	4	2	—	14	6	10
Birkalla	4	1	1	12	5	9
Orange	3	2	1	8	10	7
Windsor	1	2	3	2	7	4
Modbury	1	1	4	7	11	3
Salisbury	1	—	5	3	11	2
Sth Adelaide	1	—	5	1	17	2
Don Utd	—	6	5	15	—	—

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Adelaide City	5	—	—	18	2	10
West Torrens	4	—	1	14	6	8
West Adelaide	3	—	1	19	7	6
Noarlunga City	2	1	1	7	7	5
SAIT	1	1	3	4	8	3
Ad University	1	1	3	2	13	3
Brighton City	1	—	4	7	20	2
Flinders Uni	1	1	4	4	14	1

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Brazil tip — but watch Holland

— From Andrew Dettre in Argentina —

On the fickle, super-sensitive "market" made up of experts, Brazil have firmed to favoritism to win the 1978 World Cup, their fourth since 1958.

But neither the ambitious hosts, Argentina, nor some of the Europeans are prepared to concede the cup to the wizards of Rio.

Everybody you meet here has his own theories why this or that country can or cannot win the "Mundial".

In the spacious Press Centre, in downtown Buenos Aires along the smart Plaza de la Independencia, in the innumerable cafes and cantinas in the colorful La Boca district, everybody seems to know — not just guess — who will win the cup.

I admit to no such clairvoyance. Indeed, I rate this as one of the most open World Cup final fields.

However, I feel that the 16 teams can be put in various categories.

The favorites: Brazil, Argentina, West Germany, Holland.

The teams whose win would be a major surprise but have an undeniable chance: Scotland, Poland.

The teams who could do rather well but don't seem capable of winning: Hungary, France, Italy, Sweden, Spain, Austria.

The rank outsiders: Peru, Mexico, Iran, Tunisia.

Of the South American duo, I tend to favor Brazil. By all accounts, they have a very well drilled, highly skilled team with some superb technicians like Zico, Rivelino, Reinaldo and Cerezo.

The seemingly inexhaustible reservoir of Brazilian talent has again produced a marvellous crop and only those who denigrate its quality, for nostalgic reasons, still keep yearning for the Pele-era.

Having been kept together more or less since January, Brazil will be able to play almost blindfolded. Its peculiar style based on slow build-up, explosive finishing and eternal change of pace.

Argentina, as the home team, must command every respect you can muster; this is their big chance to win the

trophy which, in the past, eluded them.

Even mediocre teams get inspired in front of a fanatical home crowd: the Argentinians are anything but mediocre.

Those who saw their recent games against Uruguay sing their praise in crescendo and speak of a cohesive, fast and combative unit brilliantly led by such world stars in the making as Ardiles, Passarella, Houseman, Bertoni and Alonso.

Of course, from a spectator's viewpoint, a Brazil-Argentina final would be ideal: all the fervor and passion Latin Americans keep for their sacred "futebol" would emerge on the emerald turf of the River Plate stadium.

However, through a quirk in the draw, the two cannot meet in the final if they both win their respective groups in round one.

But, anyway, at least two European teams, West Germany and Holland, intend to wreck this possibility.

The Germans arrived here

yesterday and flew immediately to their training quarters near Cordoba with manager Helmut Schon looking more and more like an Alistair Sim with stomach cramps.

And no wonder: the West Germans, reigning world



champions, seem to have an older and much less sparkling team than four years ago.

It is unlikely that they will weather the absence of such personalities as Beckenbauer, Muller, Overath, Breitner, Grabowski or the young Hoe-

ness; their survivors from the heady days of Munich are well into their 30s.

Still, one must never undersell the Germans who, ever since 1954, have always managed their timing to the minute.

And if their training camp, first at Malente, then at Gravenbruch, restored their sagging team spirit, they should be in the running.

Holland has only to produce its best in the first match against Iran to be re-elevated among the top favorites. And I predict this to happen.

Far too much importance has been attributed lately to the absence of Johan Cruyff, who, of course, isn't in the Dutch team.

But let's just remember that in the 1974 final Cruyff was the weakest link of the smooth Dutch machine; with almost any average player in his place, who was prepared to strike as strikers are supposed to do, Holland would have won.

Holland have a wonderfully talented team which plays powerful, fast, yet immensely clever stuff, and if their two playmakers, Neeskens and Rensenbrink, rise to the occasion, they may even go one better than they did in 1974.

Of the second category teams I rate Poland as the lighter of the two dark horses, though the general feeling here is that Poland's best years were in 1972-1974.

Gadocha is gone but Lubanski has returned; Lato and Deyna are as sharp as ever; the two playboys,

Tomaszewski and Gorgon, have once again become re-formed characters, if temporarily.

But the Poles have failed to add outstanding new talent to their 1974 veterans — unless they appear on the scene without warning.

Scotland, I feel, are slightly over-rated. The talent is there, without a doubt, but for some reason even the Scots cannot explain, they seldom perform well in contests of this type.

From the third category I expect Sweden and Hungary to be the strongest.

I tip these to qualify from the first round:

Group 1: Argentina, Hungary.

Group 2: Poland, W. Germany.

Group 3: Brazil, Sweden.

Group 4: Holland, Scotland.

If it all happened like that, this would be the composition of the two groups in round two:

Group A: Argentina, W. Germany, Brazil, Scotland.

Group B: Hungary, Poland, Sweden, Holland.

On paper at least, Group A would be much stronger and the winner could be either Argentina or Brazil. I favor Brazil.

Group B should be won by Holland with a mighty battle taking place for the second spot, probably Poland just edging out Hungary.

I expect a Brazil-Holland final and give Brazil a 55-45 chance of winning it.

But if the Argentinians reach the final, against almost anybody, start putting some money on them.

WORLD CUP PROGRAM

This is the full program of the finals in Argentina, set out in a graphic, easy-to-follow way. The placings in the groups will be decided on points and goal differences. Extra time will be played only



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in the final and in the match for third place on June 24 and 25. The referees and linesmen for the various matches will not be appointed and announced until just before the various games.

ROUND 1	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4
JUNE 1, THURSDAY		W. GERMANY v POLAND Buenos Aires		
JUNE 2, FRIDAY	FRANCE v ITALY Mar del Plata ARGENTINA v HUNGARY Buenos Aires	TUNISIA v MEXICO Rosario		
JUNE 3 SATURDAY			SWEDEN v BRAZIL Mar del Plata SPAIN v AUSTRIA Buenos Aires	PERU v SCOTLAND Cordoba HOLLAND v IRAN Mendoza
JUNE 6, TUESDAY	ARGENTINA v FRANCE Buenos Aires ITALY v HUNGARY Mar del Plata	W. GERMANY v MEXICO Cordoba TUNISIA v POLAND Rosario		
JUNE 7 WEDNESDAY			AUSTRIA v SWEDEN Buenos Aires BRAZIL v SPAIN Mar del Plata	PERU v HOLLAND Mendoza SCOTLAND v IRAN Cordoba
JUNE 10, SATURDAY	FRANCE v HUNGARY Mar del Plata ARGENTINA v ITALY Buenos Aires	W. GERMANY v TUNISIA Cordoba MEXICO v POLAND Rosario		
JUNE 11, SUNDAY			SWEDEN v SPAIN Buenos Aires BRAZIL v AUSTRIA Mar del Plata	SCOTLAND v HOLLAND Mendoza PERU v IRAN Cordoba
ROUND 2	GROUP A		GROUP B	
JUNE 14, WEDNESDAY	SECOND GROUP 2 v WINNER GROUP 1 Buenos Aires WINNER GROUP 3 v SECOND GROUP 4 Cordoba		WINNER GROUP 2 v SECOND GROUP 1 Rosario SECOND GROUP 3 v WINNER GROUP 4 Mendoza	
JUNE 18, SUNDAY	WINNER GROUP 1 v WINNER GROUP 3 Buenos Aires SECOND GROUP 4 v SECOND GROUP 2 Cordoba		SECOND GROUP 1 v SECOND GROUP 3 Rosario WINNER GROUP 4 v WINNER GROUP 3 Mendoza	
JUNE 21, WEDNESDAY	SECOND GROUP 4 v WINNER GROUP 1 Buenos Aires WINNER GROUP 3 v SECOND GROUP 2 Cordoba		WINNER GROUP 4 v SECOND GROUP 1 Rosario SECOND GROUP 3 — WINNER GROUP 2 Mendoza	
Match for 3rd place: Saturday, June 24, Buenos Aires, between runners-up of Groups A and B.				
Final of 1978 World Cup: Sunday, June 25, Buenos Aires, between winners of Groups A and B.				

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THURSDAY, MAY 25: Movie — 8.00 pm.

FRIDAY, MAY 26: International Night — 8.00 p.m. Dance music from 8.00 p.m. Special Guest Artist — PETER KWAN.

SATURDAY, MAY 27: Dance Music from 8.00 pm. Showtime with DONNA LEE.

SUNDAY, MAY 28: Disco — 7.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31: Disco — 7.30 pm.
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THURSDAY, May 25: Disco Night compered by radio personality Chris Ball.

FRIDAY, May 26: Cabaret Dance — Ray Williams Orchestra.

SATURDAY, May 27: SEAN KRAMER — Irish comedian.

SUNDAY, May 28: Film, 2 pm — Starring Oliver Reed, Eike Sommer and Richard Attenborough, 8 pm — MIKE WILLIAMS (Shirley Temple), top TV and Recording Star.

TUESDAY, May 30: Euchre Night.

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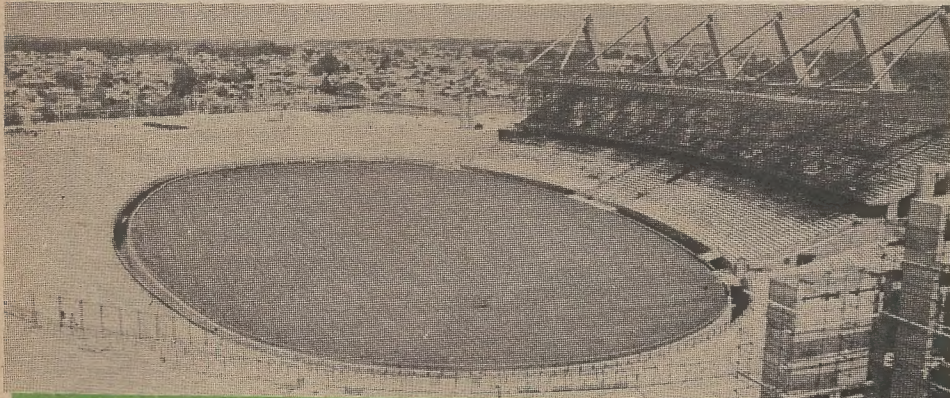
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Stadiums set to go

— From ANDREW DETTRE in Argentina —

Buenos Aires. — With exactly one week to go before the start of the World Cup finals, all the essential installations are ready and functional.

The stadiums, in their Sunday best, await the throngs; the silent dressing rooms so far void of the usual smells

and noises characteristic of soccer teams, will be soon centres of bedlam.

After only a day here it's im-

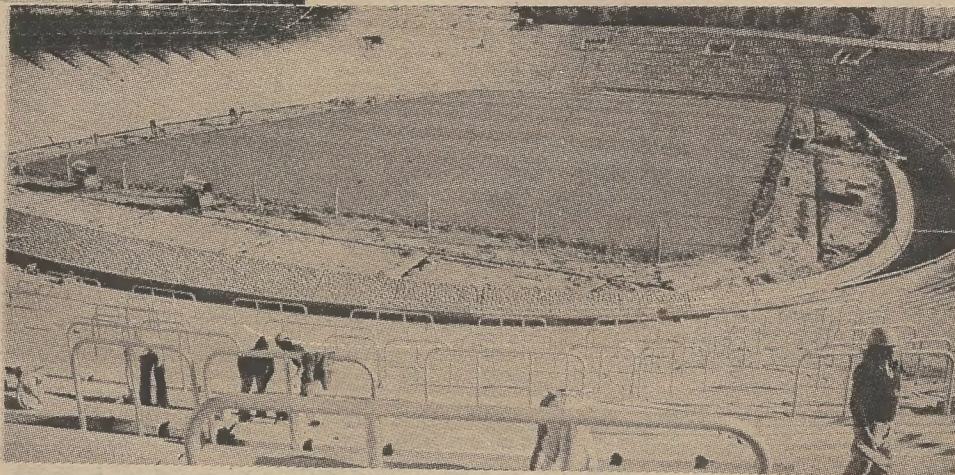
possible to form any firm opinions — but the impressions are favorable.

The Press Centre is in the magnificent San Martin Cultural Centre on the Avenida Corrientes, the street that never sleeps.

Down south, at the seaside Mar del Plata, where I will spend about a week watching several games, Argentina's "ethnics" have been tooling up for the Mundial.

With a permanent population of 450,000, Mar del Plata's summer visitors swell this to 600,000 a day.

But it's not summer now: the cool, rainy season is about to start and there will be plenty of room for visitors to try their luck in the enormous beachside casino which can hold 25,000 guests and offers 100 roulette tables 24 hours a day to the brave or the curious.



Referees

Buenos Aires. — This is the list of all referees here for the World Cup finals:

Angel Coerezza (Argentina), Erich Linmayer (Austria), Francis Rion (Belgium), Arnaldo Coelho (Brazil), Werner Winsemann (Canada), Juan Silvagno (Chile), Pat Partridge (England), Gebreyesus Tesfaye (Ethiopia), Robert Wurtz (France), Adolf Prokop (Germany, East), Ferdinand Biwersi (Germany, West), Karoly Palotai (Hungary), Jafar Namdar (Iran), Abraham Klein (Israel), Sergio Gonella (Italy), Alfonso Archundia (Mexico), Charles Corver (Netherlands), Cesar Orozco (Peru), Alojzy Jarguz (Poland), Antonio da Silva Garrido (Portugal), Nicolae Rainea (Rumania), John Gordon (Scotland), Yassou N'Diaye (Senegal), Angel Martinez (Spain), Ulf Eriksson (Sweden), Jean Dubach (Switzerland), Farouk Bouzo (Syria), Hedi Seoudi (Tunisia), Ramon Barreto Ruiz (Uruguay), Anatoli Ivanov (USSR), Clive Thomas (Wales), Dusan Maksimovic (Yugoslavia).

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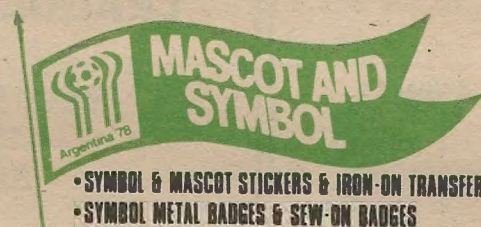
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Mar del Plata (top left) and Mendoza stadiums (centre) will be the scene for intriguing struggles in the early matches of the World Cup. With the imposing scenery of the Andean mountain range as a backdrop, spectators at Mendoza will be able to admire the Netherlands, Scotland, Peru and Iran teams. At Mar del Plata, Brazil, Sweden, Spain and Austria will clash. Both stadiums will hold more than 40,000 spectators.



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DIV. 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	8	—	2	21	6	16
Monaro	6	3	—	20	9	15
Melita	6	—	3	17	12	12
Sutherland	4	2	3	9	7	10
APIA	4	2	4	12	11	10
Auburn	4	1	4	22	10	9
Manly	2	5	3	11	20	9
Mv. Olympic	3	2	3	7	11	8
Toongabbie	2	4	4	6	10	8
Yugal	3	1	3	12	12	7
Avala	3	1	4	8	8	7
Granville	2	3	4	8	12	7
Bankstown	1	2	5	8	17	4
Arncliffe	1	2	7	4	20	4

DIV. 1, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	9	1	—	29	5	19
Croatia	7	1	2	23	11	15
Sutherland	6	1	2	33	7	13
Arncliffe	5	3	2	27	5	13
Granville	5	1	3	15	12	11
APIA	4	2	3	9	8	10
Auburn	4	1	4	20	11	9
Melita	3	2	3	11	13	8
Yugal	4	—	4	11	22	8
Mv. Olympic	2	3	3	11	15	7
Avala	3	—	6	13	22	6
Toongabbie	1	3	6	13	23	5
Monaro	1	—	8	6	38	2
Bankstown	—	—	8	6	35	—

DIV. 1, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	7	—	1	23	8	14
Sutherland	5	2	1	21	6	12
Arncliffe	4	3	2	15	11	11
Granville	4	2	2	10	8	10
Melita	5	—	3	10	11	9
APIA	4	1	3	14	10	9
Avala	4	1	4	15	13	9
Toongabbie	3	3	3	15	16	9
Croatia	3	3	3	11	12	9
Bankstown	2	1	5	9	15	5
Yugal	1	2	4	7	15	4
Auburn	1	1	6	4	15	3
Mv. Olympic	—	1	6	3	17	1

DIV. 2, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ku-ring-gai	8	1	—	31	6	17
Blacktown	7	2	1	26	8	16
Uni. of NSW	6	1	3	26	14	13
Belmore	5	3	2	17	9	13
Polonia	4	5	—	14	9	13
Revesby	5	2	2	18	12	12
Warringah	3	2	5	16	16	8
Glad. Hornsby	2	3	4	15	23	7
Queens Park	2	1	7	15	31	5
N.S. Inter	1	2	5	6	18	4
Marrickville	1	2	7	10	26	4
Guildford	—	—	8	9	28	—

DIV. 2, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Uni. of NSW	8	1	1	31	12	17
Belmore	7	2	1	21	10	16
Ku-ring-gai	6	1	1	17	10	13
Revesby	4	2	2	13	12	10
Marrickville	3	4	2	18	17	10
Polonia	3	3	3	19	18	9
Glad. Hornsby	4	—	5	20	13	8
Blacktown	3	2	3	11	12	8
N.S. Inter	2	1	5	14	21	5
Warringah	1	2	6	4	17	4
Queens Park	1	2	5	9	18	4
Guildford	—	2	6	5	17	2

DIV. 2, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Belmore	7	2	1	33	6	15
Warringah	6	3	1	19	6	15
Blacktown	6	3	—	15	5	13
Ku-ring-gai	6	1	1	19	3	13
Glad. Hornsby	5	2	2	16	9	12
Polonia	4	1	4	22	13	9
Revesby	2	2	4	13	13	6
Queens Park	2	1	5	12	13	5
N.S. Inter	2	—	6	6	19	4
Uni. of NSW	2	1	7	13	31	4
Guildford	2	1	5	11	18	3
Marrickville	—	—	9	5	35	—

DIV. 3, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nepean	9	—	—	38	10	18
Bathurst	6	2	1	19	8	14
Bondi	5	2	2	20	13	12
Lethbridge	4	2	2	14	8	10
Pt. Hacking	3	2	3	17	21	8
Glad. Ravens	2	3	3	13	13	7
Lane Cove	3	1	5	11	14	7
West Ryde	2	3	4	7	11	7
Riverstone	1	5	3	12	17	7
Yagoona	2	3	3	12	19	7
Dee Why	2	1	6	18	19	5
Wentworth	—	2	7	7	35	2

DIV. 3, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Glad. Ravens	7	—	1	35	11	14
Pt. Hacking	7	—	1	29	12	14
Lethbridge	5	1	2	22	10	11
Nepean	4	3	2	19	9	11
Yagoona	4	2	2	25	11	10
Lane Cove	2	4	3	15	17	8
Dee Why	2	4	3	13	17	8
Bathurst	7	2	4	8	16	8
Bondi	3	—	6	17	23	6
Riverstone	2	2	5	15	37	6
West Ryde	2	1	6	11	23	5
Wentworth	1	1	7	4	27	3

All care is taken but no responsibility accepted with these tables. At times referees don't report the match result correctly — or at all — to the Federation and thus throw our tables out of gear.

DIV. 3, GRADE 3

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bondi	7	1	1	31	17	15
Pt. Hacking	5	2	1	23	7	12
Bathurst	6	—	3	22	13	12
Nepean	5	1	3	18	11	11
Wentworth	4	2	3	13	8	10
Lane Cove	3	3	3	12	11	9
Glad. Ravens	4	1	3	11	12	9
Lethbridge	3	1	4	13	10	8
Dee Why	4	1	4	12	18	8
Yagoona	2	1	5	17	19	5
Riverstone	1	2	6	4	36	4
West Ryde	—	1	8	5	19	1

DIV. 4, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham H.	6	2	—	23	7	14
Sydney Uni.	5	1	1	14	6	11
Greenwich	4	2	1	10	7	10
Ashcroft	4	2	2	16	12	9
Camp'town	3	3	2	15	13	9
Ryde	3	3	2	18	12	9
Artarmon	4	1	2	18	13	9
Hurstville	3	1	3	16	16	7
Padstow Pk.	3	—	5	18	22	6
Nth. B'town	1	2	4	6	11	4
Fairfield W.	—	1	5	3	14	1
Holroyd	—	—	8	4	28	—

DIV. 4, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baulkham H.	7	1	—	28	7	15
Ashcroft	4	4	—	20	14	12
Padstow Pk.	5	2	1	17	11	12
Camp'town	4	2	2	18	13	10
Ryde	3	2	3	14	15	8
Artarmon	2	3	2	13	14	7
Hurstville	2	2	3	14	15	6
Fairfield W.	3	—	5	14	16	6
Nth. B'town	1	3	3	10	13	5
Holroyd	2	—	6	10	22	4
Greenwich	1	2	4	7	16	4
Sydney Uni.	—	1	5	9	19	1

DIV. 5, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bonnyrigg	6	—	—	24	8	12
Kingsford	5	2	1	22	9	12
Revesby Rov.	5	—	2	19	10	10
Chelsea	5	—	2	16	11	10
Paddington	3	2	2	17	15	8
North Ryde	4	—	3	16	21	8
Maroubra	2	1	5	12	17	5
Eastwood	1	3	4	11	18	5
Auburn Jnrs	2	—	5	15	19	4
North Rocks	1	1	4	10	17	3
Haberfield	—	1	6	5	24	1

DIV. 5, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eastwood	5	1	2	17	11	11
Paddington	5	—	2	20	11	10
Kingsford	4	2	2	20	13	10
Auburn Jnrs	4	1	2	21	11	9
Bonnyrigg	4	1	1	18	12	9
North Rocks	2	2	2	18	14	6
Revesby Rov.	3	—	4	10	17	6
Chelsea	2	1	4	14	13	5
Haberfield	2	1	4	10	18	5
North Ryde	2	—	4	15	24	5
Maroubra	1	—	7	9	28	2

DIV. 6, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Holroyd	8	—	—	26	5	16
East Creek	7	1	—	34	9	15
Concordia	6	2	—	19	8	14
Prospect	2	3	3	12	16	7
Hawkesbury	3	1	3	11	15	7
Canley Hts	3	1	4	15	24	7
Fairfield West	3	—	3	16	10	6
Pagewood	2	1	3	8	8	5
Macq. Uni.	2	1	4	15	20	5
W. St George	1	2	5	16	25	4
Camden	1	1	6	8	22	3
Green Valley	1	1	6	16	34	3

DIV. 6, GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prospect	6	1	1	19	17	13
East Creek	5	2	1	24	10	12
Canley Hts	5	1	2	15	14	11
Fairfield W.	5	—	1	21	6	10
W. St George	4	2	3	15	12	10
W. Holroyd	4	—	4	13	12	8
Camden	3	1	4	13	17	7
Concordia	2	2	4	9	12	6
Macq. Uni.	2	—	5	11	11	4
Pagewood	2	—	4	10	16	4
Green Valley	2	—	6	12	23	4
Hawkesbury	—	1	6	6	17	1

DIV. 7, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Edensor	6	1	—	23	8	13
Maccabi	4	3	1	23	17	11
B'town Sp.	4	2	1	25	14	10
Chullora	4	2	1	21	11	10
Liverpool	4	2	2	20	11	10
Moorebank	4	1	3	22	16	9
Lakemba	3	3	2	18	15	9
Sthn Dist.	3	2	3	23	16	8
Mt. Pritchard	2	—	6	14	26	4
Emu Plains	2	—	6	12	28	4
Sth Sydney	—	3	5	9	29	3
Greystanes	—	1	6	6	25	1

DIV. 7, GRADE 2

Moorebank	7	—	1	24	10	14
Chullora	5	1	1	24	14	11
Maccabi	4	3	1	19	14	11
Liverpool	4	2	2	15	9	10
Edensor	4	1	2	23	9	9
Mt. Pritchard	3	2	3	13	15	8
Sthn Dist	2	3	3	22	15	7
Greystanes	2	3	2	15	10	7
Lakemba	3	1	4	15	13	7
B'town Sp.	3	—	4	17	18	6
Erna Plains	—	1	7	4	30	1
Sth Sydney	—	1	7	3	38	1

STATE LEAGUE DETAILS

MELITA—APIA 2-0 (2-0)

Melita Eagles bounced back into championship calculations with a convincing victory over rivals Apia at Garside Park. The Eagles wrapped the game up in the first half with an attacking game enabling speedy winger Terry Jones to score two goals in a space of 90 seconds. Jones on the left and Brian Parker on the right tormented the Apia defence in the opening half and their efforts deserved success. However, the men behind this win were midfielders Richard Yamine and Vernon Darvill who worked tirelessly to gain more than their fair share of the ball. Apia was hardly a shadow of their midweek selves against St. George, and although they finished strongly

they lacked penetration up front. They were unlucky on two occasions when the woodwork stopped them from scoring but, overall, the result was quite fair.

MELITA: Blacklow 4, Ververis 4, Mikas 4, Yamine 4, Huhtley 4, Darvill 4, Parker 4 (Drossos: 46m), McAusland 4, McGovern 3 (Sciberras: 83m), Farrugia 3, Jones 4. **APIA:** McQuire 4, McGinn 4, McMillan 4, Pullen 3, Lindsay 3, Porter 3 (Ruiz: 60m), Doyle 3, Carruthers 4, Butler 4, Jack 2 (Griffiths: 55m). **Goals:** 1-0 Jones (14m), 2-0 Jones (16m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 1675.

— C. SPITERI

AUBURN—SUTHERLAND 2-0 (0-0)

Auburn proved themselves just that much better than their opponents in a match played in blustery conditions. Sutherland looked the stronger in the first half, with good moves flowing from the midfield of Steve Meades, Paul Smith and Jim Basterfield. Spirited Auburn then controlled the second half. Their first goal came in the 54th minute when Derek Sidey pushed through a good ball for Andy Tracey to hammer in from 10 metres. Tracey added his second in the 77th minute after a fine solo run from well inside his own half. He went on to easily beat Phil Craggs. From here on Auburn dominated thanks to the good

work of Wille Hamilton and John McDonald.

AUBURN: Griffin 4, Cornet 4, Fairclough 3, Bertram 4, Dobson 4, McDonald 4, Sidey 3, Hamilton 4, Stevenson 3, Piggott 3 (Bielby: 85m), Tracey 4.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 4, Schumann 3, Wykes 4, Watkiss 3, Dai Forno 3, Meades 4, Beggs 4, Smith 3 (Hudson: 86m), Branson 3, Basterfield 4, P. Hall 3. **Goals:** 1-0 Tracey (54m), 2-0 Tracey (77m). **Referee:** G. King. **Crowd:** 271.

— D. MURTON

MANLY—GRANVILLE 0-0

Manly no doubt are bitterly disappointed at having to share the points with Granville, but a miss is as good as a mile and they should have had several goals. Firstly Ron Geekie's cracking shot from 40 metres flashed over the bar, and then Roger Mouttet, with the goal at his mercy, slid the ball outside the upright. Mike Banks also hit the bar with a scorching drive. Granville also found the bar in one of their rare sorties, but without effective striking power it looks as if Barry Hoare in goal and defenders Henry Seifridge and Perc Bigland will need all their

experience to guide the younger players along the rough road ahead.

MANLY: Cassettari 3, Dick 3 (Thompson: 73m), Stocks 3, McDougall 3, Gosling 3, Geoghegan 3, Mouttet 3, Geekie 3, Banks 3, Roozendaal 3, Stuart 2 (Nawali: 50m).

GRANVILLE: Hoare 3, Seifridge 3, Bigland 3, Sands 3, Lackey 3, Barker 3, Johns 3, Haydec 3 (McVeigh: 74m), Scamperle (Saiter: 14m, 2), Fraser 3, Waldron 3.

Referee: T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 320.

— D. WENDT

TOONGABBIE—CROATIA 4-2 (4-1)

Atti Abonyi's goal after only 35 seconds put paid to any ideas Toongabbie had of pulling off a shock result. Marijan Kovacic's cross found the advancing Abonyi, and his shot left goalkeeper Peter Freeman stunned. Kovacic flicked the ball to Sullivan and Croatia were two up after 20 minutes. Bob Russell sid the next one home for 3-0, after a Kovacic cross beat the static defence. Toongabbie's first goal was a penalty scored by Jim Izatt, and Abonyi scored again with Kovacic assisting. Toongabbie kept the score respectable through Armytage towards the end.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 3, Taylor 3, Gerlo 3, Oldham 3, Pena 3, Parkhouse 4, Armytage 5, Izatt 3, Benito De Valle 3, Ortega 2, Hormazabal 2 (Miller: 72m).

CROATIA: Watson 3, R. Russell 5, Cagali 4, Basic 3, Smith 5, J. Russell 3, Coleman 3, Mullen 3, Abonyi 4, Kovacic 4 (Leyden: 85m), Sullivan 4.

Goals: 1-0 Abonyi (1m), 2-0 Sullivan (20m), 3-0 R. Russell (22m), 3-1 Izatt (29m), 4-1 Abonyi (33m), 4-2 Armytage (72m). **Referee:** R. Sandell. **Crowd:** 1200.

— D. CLARK

CROATIA—ARNCLIFFE 1-0 (0-0)

A below par performance by Croatia was still enough to carry them through against lowly Arncliffe Scots. Battling bravely throughout, Arncliffe's defence did well but it was only a matter of time until they scored. This moment came early in the second half when Soccerero Atti Abonyi pounced on a loose ball and deftly turned to place a 25 metre shot which deflected off the crossbar to beat goalkeeper Bruce Cuneo. This proved enough to give Croatia the two points, although upon reflection

they could have been a little lucky to do so.

CROATIA: Watson 4, R. Russell 4, Cagali 4, Basic 3, Smith 3, J. Russell 4, Coleman 4, Savor 3, Abonyi 4, Kovacic 3, Sullivan 4.

ARNCLIFFE: Cuneo 3, Cochrem 3, Hall 3, Smart 4, Blackburn 3, Gilmour 3, Harrington 3, Blackhead 4, Hooper 3, Armstrong 3 (Baker: 57m, 3), Muscovits 3.

Goal: 1-0 Abonyi (47m). **Crowd:** 969.

Referee: B. Wilkinson.

— D. MURTON

Referees demand more protection

A referees ban on Sydney State League sides Avala, Croatia and Yugal has been lifted by the NSW Referees Association — provided extra police and officials are in attendance at future games.

The ban was imposed on Avala and Yugal last week following recent crowd violence when the two teams clashed.

Croatia fans have also created problems for their club and the referees included this issue in their talks.

They discussed the crowd situation for more than two and a half hours at their meeting on Monday night and decided that unless their demands are met they will strike again.

The referees pointed out that

any misbehaviour by clubs would result in a review of the allocation of referees to games involving these teams.

The NSW Soccer Federation assured the referees that extra police and security men would be organised for the Avala-Croatia clash at Sydney Sportsground on Wednesday night.

Referees are concerned at the recent spate of disturbances, and have stipulated that the Federation must supply ten police at each game involving the clubs.

MIGHTY MONARO WILL TEST CROATIA

Whether Croatia go to North America as leaders in State League as well as 1977 premiers could depend upon the outcome of the big clash on Sunday at Marco Polo Park in Queanbeyan.

Monaro's winning run has been all but unbelievable.

Whilst they have had some reinforcements such as John Forwood and Tim O'Maye, formerly with Granville, and Alan Burke of Sutherland fame, results have been achieved with players who were largely successful in the lesser pool of the ACT Federation.

Atti Abonyi is certain to give his midfield selection deep consideration. Scorers abound in Kevin Coleman, Maurice Sullivan and the fleet-footed Abonyi himself, but in the midfield inter will contest every inch of the way.

GRANVILLE v ARNCLIFFE

This is Granville's chance to do some climbing at the expense of the Scots, certainly the League's most unlikely team to score.

Bob Wall, the very successful halfback in an earlier era of Magpie successes, is gradually moulding the team into a hard-to-beat outfit.

Stewart Gilmour is adding more skill to the side, and Richie Schroeder is the man that the Scots are now advancing as their chance to break through

MELITA v YUGAL

Yugal will be champing at the bit after last weekend's enforced idleness, and this Saturday's game at Garside Park promises to be close fought indeed.

It might be remembered that Yugal forced Monaro to a draw in their last encounter, with Cuk, Mihajlovic and Delaney amongst the goals.

Pat Rodas and Ron Delaney have the potential to work their wings well and upset the well-drilled Eagles defence.

If this happens there could be an upset in Yugal's favor, but the results for my money could be a goal advantage in Melita's favor, especially after such a great win over APIA last Sunday.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Manly v Gville	0-0	3-2	4-1
Croatia v Tgabbie	4-2	5-0	2-2
Auburn v S'land	2-0	1-1	1-1
Bankstown v Monaro	2-0	def.	def.
Melita v APIA	2-0	def.	def.
Yugal v Arncliffe	1-0	1-0	1-1
Avala v Olympic	1-0	1-0	1-1
Croatia v Arncliffe	1-0	1-0	1-1

SECOND DIVISION

Blacktown v Rev.	2-1	3-1	4-0
NS Inter v K'gai	0-2	0-3	0-2
B'more v M'ville	2-1	3-3	6-0
Gladi Horn v Qns Pk	1-3	2-1	1-0
G'ford v Polonia	1-3	1-1	2-4
War v Uni NSW	1-3	0-3	1-1

THIRD DIVISION

Yagoona v R'stone	1-1	10-0	8-1
Dee Why v Bondi	1-1	2-1	1-5
Wenty v West Ryde	0-0	1-0	3-0
B'hurst v Leth	0-0	0-4	3-0
Gladi Rav v Lane C	1-4	4-1	2-1
Rt Hack v West Ryde	3-1	6-2	5-1
Nepean v Wenty Wths	7-1	4-0	1-0

FOURTH DIVISION

Holroyd v Artarmon	2-4	0-3	
C'town v Baulk Hills	1-2	0-4	
Ryde Dist v Nth B'town	3-1	1-0	
A'croft v Padstow Pk	4-2	2-2	

FIFTH DIVISION

Eastwood v Maroubra	2-2	3-0	
Kingsford v Nth Ryde	2-3	1-2	
Haberfield v Revesby	0-3	1-2	
Auburn Jnr v Chelsea	2-3	3-1	

SIXTH DIVISION

West Hol v Green Valley	6-1	4-1	
Prospect v Canley Hts	2-1	2-2	
Camden v Prospect	0-2	2-3	
W St Geo v East Crk	1-3	0-2	

PAGWOOD v CANLEY HTS

Pagwood v Canley Hts	0-1	4-2	
Hawkesbury v C'cordia	1-2	0-1	

SEVENTH DIVISION

Sydney Mac v B'town	4-4	4-2	
Sth Dists v Moorebank	3-4	2-3	
Lakemba v Chuliora	0-3	1-1	
L'pool v Edensor Pk	2-3	1-1	

Greystanes v Sth Syd	1-1	5-0	
Mt Pritchard v Emu Pl	2-1	2-0	
Sth Dists v Syd Maccabi	1-4	2-2	

SUTHERLAND v MANLY

Sutherland will have to grasp the chance of a home two points against a more convincing Manly otherwise APIA could have them fighting for a final four position.

The importance of this will be not lost on John Watkiss, who is in the more fortunate position of having far fewer players on the injured list than previously.

Sutherland's advantage is that the likes of Steve Meades, Jim Basterfield and Craig Hall are creating chances with well-timed moves and a readiness to go forward as supporters or finishers.

Manly, a club with a great deal of depth, should force the Shire into a 100% effort, but there is little doubt that the latter will be on top after 90 minutes.

MARRICKVILLE v AUBURN

Arlington's middle table clash should produce exciting football, with the accent on skill.

Once again Auburn's edge lies in the superior experience of their "Big Three", Andy Tracey, John McDonald and Willie Hamilton, who should stamp their authority on the game.

Mick Stevenson is giving good value as a striker and it would not surprise if he now gets regularly amongst the goals.

John Xipolitas will have his under 19 State representatives Peter Kathoias and John Karaspyros back after the Brisbane campaign, and they are certain to contribute to what could be one of the very best matches of the round.

TOONGABBIE v AVALA

Toongabbie's reputation as one of the very skilled teams in the League does not mean that they will have their own way

SYDNEY DRAWS

THIRD DIVISION

Saturday: Bondi v Bathurst, Waverley Oval; Riverstone v Dee Why, Schofields Park; Yagoona v Lethbridge, O'Neill Park. **Sunday:** Lethbridge v Gladesville Ravens, Jersey Road; Lane Cove v Port Hacking, Pottery Green; West Ryde v Nepean, Waug SG; Wenty v Yagoona, Centenary Park.

FOURTH DIVISION

Saturday: Fairfield Kiev v North Bankstown, Knight Park; Artarmon v Campbelltown, Artarmon Reserve; Padstow Park v Sydney Uni, Soccer Centre. **Sunday:** Baulkham Hills v Ryde, Horwood Reserve; North Bankstown v Greenwich, Potts Park; Hurstville Zagreb v Ashcroft, Soccer Centre; Fairfield Kiev v Holroyd, Knight Park; Artarmon v Sydney University, Artarmon.

FIFTH DIVISION

Saturday: Chelsea v Paddington Spanish, Moore Park; North Ryde v Eastwood, North Ryde; Revesby Rovers v Bonnyrigg, Amour Park. **Sunday:** Maroubra v Haberfield, Coral Sea Park; North Rocks v Auburn Juniors, Murray Farm Reserve.

SIXTH DIVISION

Saturday: Green Valley v Pagewood, Biamfield Oval; Canley Heights v Fairfield West, Kings Park. **Sunday:** Macquarie Uni v Camden, Macquarie Uni No 1; Prospect v West St. George, Endeavour Reserve No 2; Eastern Creek v Hawkesbury, Eastern Creek Park; Concordia v West Holroyd, Mahoney Oval.

SEVENTH DIVISION

Saturday: Emu Plains v Sydney Maccabi, Emu Plains Park; Endorsor Park v Southern Districts, St. Johns Park; Bankstown Sports v Liverpool, Condel Park HS; Moorebank v Lakemba RSC, Hammondville Park; Chuliora v Greystanes, Soccer Centre; South Sydney v Mt. Pritchard, Boorabee Park.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

— By Keith Gilmour —

against Avala at Girraween.

The Demon's big fault has been their inability to get amongst the goals, and it is there that Avala have an advantage.

Watch for a big game from Jim Magill, who moved from Toongabbie to Avala, and will be anxious to excel.

Also if Mai O'Neill gives Frank Benito de Valle a run again, the expected Avala advantage could be nullified, as de Valle knows how to nose out goals. On balance both these teams will work at it for 90 minutes, but a draw could be the result.

MONARO v CROATIA

It will be a bold man, indeed, who attempts to pick the winner of what should be one of the season's best matches.

If Monaro do win and they do nothing else all year, they will have covered themselves with glory.

Of course, Atti Abonyi still stands out as a possible matchwinner, but his talents are such that he is bound to get special treatment to nullify those brilliant ball-playing skills.

Having been selected as the

only State League player in the Australian XI to play Greece in Sydney on June 18, a lot has to be expected from Sebastian Giampoli, as he is a brilliant forward with the capability to turn the game.

Croatia's form player of the moment is Marijan Kovacic, and Marconi are certain to allow him little latitude.

APIA v BANKSTOWN

This could be a tricky one for new APIA coach Mike Johnson, in that he cannot afford another slip-up if APIA are to gain confidence and points, whereas the Towns have nothing to lose in going for broke.

Not only have Bankstown a reliable defensive duo in Gary Brooks and David Morrison, they now have signed David Tansley, a very able striker who will benefit from Neil Williams' fine midfield work.

Mike Johnson is a real professional who will be trying for results and to prove himself fully and, in fact, there are very few men who can match him in theory, demonstration of skills, and in his grasp of the requirements of a team.

It should be a win for APIA, but Bankstown have the chance to show that they are no longer relegation material.



ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE



WEDNESDAY, MAY 24
STATE LEAGUE

Croatia v Avala (9 p.m.) Sportsground

SATURDAY, MAY 27
STATE LEAGUE

Melita v Yugal Garside
Mv. Olympic v Auburn Arlington

Division 2

Queens Park v Belmore Navy Sp. Gr.
Polonia v Gladesville Chopin Park
Warringah v Guildford Graham Res.

SUNDAY, MAY 28
STATE LEAGUE

Granville v Arncliffe Garside
Sutherland v Manly Seymour Shaw
Toongabbie v Avala Girraween
Monaro v Croatia Marco Polo
APIA v Bankstown Lambert

Division 2

Revesby v Uni NSW Milperra
Ku-ring-gai v Blacktown Parklands
Marrickville v NS Inter Mackey Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
STATE LEAGUE

Granville v Sutherland Garside
Auburn v Toongabbie Mona Park

Division 2

Queens Park v NS Inter Erskinville
Warringah v Gladesville Graham Reserve

SUNDAY, JUNE 4
STATE LEAGUE

Manly v Mv. Olympic Cromer
Avala v Monaro Mona Park
Croatia v APIA Sportsground
Bankstown v Yugal Soccer Centre
Arncliffe v Melita Hurstville

Division 2

Marrickville v Blacktown Mackey Park
Polonia v Belmore Chopin Park
Guildford v Uni NSW Guildford Park

MONDAY, JUNE 5
STATE LEAGUE

Yugal v Granville Garside Park

Division 2

Ku-ring-gai v Revesby Parklands



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NSW WINS UNDER 19s!

Down 0-1 at halftime, NSW made a great improvement to romp home 2-1 in Sunday's under 19 Coca-Cola National Championship at Perry Park, Brisbane, against Victoria.

Victoria had defeated Western Australia 3-2 in the semi-final, and NSW won 1-0 against Northern NSW.

NSW manager Lionel Brown said that the overall standard had improved tremendously, with both Tasmania and the ACT now fielding teams to be reckoned with.

The finalists had a very tough program of five matches in six days.

The winning team was: Greg Woodhouse, Greg Ankudinoff, John Karaspyros, Ian Rowden, Mike O'Shea, Phil Dolton, Peter Katholas, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter, Craig Hall, and Robert Drews.

Paul Kaye missed out on the final due to an ankle injury.

NSW coach Joe Viasiti, a past master in winning youth competitions, stuck to his basic team

with minor alterations throughout the series.

The final, played before the Queensland-Dundee clash, produced some really fine football.

It was also announced that Kaye, Hunter, Woodhouse, Raskopoulos and Katholas had been included in the Australian schoolboy team to tour the United States.

The national squad, which will be prepared for a match against world champions Russia if they tour later this year is:

Brett Cowburn (Nth NSW), Gordon Jennings (Nth NSW), Peter Tredinnick (Nth NSW), Greg Woodhouse (NSW), Ian Rowden (NSW), Peter Kahlhoious (NSW), Robert Drews (NSW), Craig Hall (NSW), Danny Moulis (ACT), Steve Hogg (ACT), Mick Milanovic (ACT), Jeff Oliver (Vic), George Christopoulos (Vic), Allan Davidson (Vic), Peter Ammirato (SA), Paul Iannace (SA), George Koullanos (SA), Ian May (SA), John Spanos (WA), Steve Tomelides (WA), John Ogden (Qld), Tony Scanlan (Qld).

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SECOND DIVISION club secretaries please note: News from your clubs is sought, and will be included in Club Patrol if provided. Contact the above phone number.

St. George general manager LES BORDACS left for Europe last weekend on urgent family business.

The NSW Referees' Federation decided to boycott matches of Avala and Yugal until the safety of their members is guaranteed. Obviously they were not too impressed with the \$2,000 fine slapped on Avala for the recent disturbance.

Toongabbie's recent buy from Monaro, GLEN BORWICK will be out of action for at least six weeks, as he needs a hernia operation soon, which will obviously put him in hospital for a while. We wish him all the best for his operation and a quick recovery.

Former Hakoah, Auburn, Marconi and Australia striker DAVE KEDDIE has turned up in the unlikelyst of teams: Lethbridge Rangers of the third division. Dave signed up with the club last week, but is playing purely as an amateur.

The cancellation of the match at the Bankstown Sport

Centre meant that Monaro went for three weeks without playing a competition match recently. To counter this, and to get the players ready for the tough clash with Croatia this week, it is highly likely that they will play a friendly against one of the local fist division teams.

Fairfield West appointed a new coach last week in the person of TOM GALLAGHER. Tom was formerly with Clydebank in Scotland and also represented his country at youth levels. He will take up a position as player-coach with Fairfield.

Upheavals on the Toongabbie Soccer committee continued last weekend after an earlier resignation during the week. On the Wednesday the Secretary PETER THORN resigned from the committee, which is actually a sub-committee of the licensed club. On Sunday, following Toongabbie's 4-2 loss to Croatia, president GEORGE WOODCOCK also resigned. As yet no decision has been taken on who will replace them, or when any appointments will be made.

After much pressure and resistance within the club, Monaro has decided to play their match against Croatia at the Marco Polo Oval. The club obviously feels that since they have a good home ground they may as well use it, even though the amenities at the Bruce Stadium may be better, and the surface at Seifert Oval may be superior. However the impressive record Monaro holds at home, of not having dropped a point, obviously swung the decision in favour of Marco Polo Oval.

Australian Posters, with offices in all capital cities, is now national sales and service agent for the Australian made Lexan sports field shelter and trainer's bench. This 4ft 6in high and 6ft wide device offers great resistance to defacement and weather and is guaranteed against breakage. In these days of spectator rowdiness it is also particularly valuable in protecting team coaches and reserves from flying objects thrown on to a sports field.

Monaro were disappointed that their match last week against Bankstown was called off, as they were hoping to use the match as a practice run for GERALD CRAWFORD, returning after many weeks out with injury.

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It seems likely that our "3 to 7" column covering the lower division clubs may come to an end after a brief, successful run. DAVE CLARK, the man who compiled it, has been appointed Entertainment Officer for the Council of the City of Sydney, and his duties will mean that his weekends will be taken up with work, thus restricting his involvement in soccer. Although we are sad to lose his services, we wish him all the best in his new venture.

Newcastle

From Myles Hay

A signing on fee of \$5000 demanded by Joe Senkaski has crushed negotiations between Sydney Olympic and Newcastle KB United for the time being.

A transfer fee of \$5000 has been agreed upon by the clubs, but Newcastle were unable to accede to the player's request for a hefty signing fee for the remainder of the season.

Senkaski has been named by coach Jim Shouler in the Australian XI squad to meet Greece in Sydney on June 18, though he is currently out of favour in the Olympic first team.

Philips Cup

Before a crowd of 1500 spectators at the compact Weston Park, Newcastle found themselves one goal down at halftime.

The game was only 15 minutes old when Turnbull and Charlie Harper had solid shots blocked before the ball rebounded again to the flank

man, who squeezed his drive through a bunched defence.

But the second half produced a different story. Backed by a stiff breeze, Newcastle swung into attack.

In the 58th minute skipper Roy Drinkwater was up with his forwards in yet another corner kick situation and he cleverly head glanced Boden's cross wide of keeper Robbie Lasance.

Ten minutes later Weston's hopes evaporated completely when big Bill Summerscales became an extra man in attack to nod home a great winning goal.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Dando, Willis, Curran, Summerscales, Drinkwater, Mason, Sneddon (replaced 46 mins. Galpin), Hades, Johnston, Boden, Mountford.

WESTON BEARS: Lasance, Davies, Johnson, Snedden, Thompson, King, J. T. Turnbull, Stoker, Harper, Boyland, J. J. Turnbull.
REFEREE: A. Rodway (Newcastle).

APIA COVETS PSL POSITION

APIA Leichhardt already have a major sponsor to stand behind them for up to \$100,000 for the first year if they join the Philips Soccer League.

The base figure is \$60,000, with the further \$40,000 as the incentive to reach the top four.

Club stalwart Coni Aquilina and a sub-committee are currently preparing a 100-page case of facts and figures to the PSL.

The problems in winning admission are involved, but APIA know that their fans will flock back in their thousands once they have the team and can compete at national level.

The majority of the 10,500 member social club, half of whom are of Italian background, now fully support the principle that APIA's place is in the top league.

Mr Aquilina told us: "We would want the name APIA for the first year. In the second it could be combined with another, and in the third we would be ready to take a completely Australian name."

"This phasing will ensure maximum support, and it is a dispensation that others have been given."

It is known that Queensland

club Grange Thistle is mounting a strong case for admission, and that the first dawnings of light are beaming from the Pacific over the Wollongong area also.

Air fares being what they are, the Philips League may find it impossible to expand from 14 to 16 teams, and the table shows that there is no lowly Mooroolbark this year, ripe for replacement.

Certainly Wests and APIA, who occupy the same area, should enter into discussions concerning amalgamation. Wests have limited crowds and huge costs to cover.

Wests' position and players, APIA's burgeoning crowds, and as has been suggested, Easts-Hakoah's Wentworth Park ground, could be the unbeatable combination of Australian soccer.

Financing of the 6,000 seat stand at Wentworth Park is slowly progressing in the hands of the Trust and the National Coursing Association.

Sydney solicitor and APIA club president Nick Papallo is confident that APIA, either on its own or in combination with others, will soon be a driving force once again.

NEW COACH FOR ADELAIDE CITY

Coach Edmund Kreft and PSL club Adelaide City have come to the parting of the ways.

City Chairman Mr Charles Caruso announced that former Brisbane Lions coach Les Scheinflug would be the new mentor for the Adelaide team.

Kreft has been unable to weld the side into a winning unit and the issue came to a head when they were toppled 3-0 by Fitzroy last week in Melbourne.

Scheinflug arrived in Adelaide during the week and said he would take up his new duties immediately.

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